

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1443

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

January 4, 2012

An act to amend Section 19200.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to home furnishings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1443, as introduced, Logue. Home furnishings: inspections: reimbursement.

Existing law, the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various manufacturers, sellers, upholsterers, and sanitizers of home furnishings, such as furniture and bedding. The act is enforced by the Chief of the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation. Existing law authorizes the chief or any inspector to open any article of upholstered furniture or bedding or insulation for the purpose of inspection and to take any part for analysis.

This bill would require the bureau to reimburse the manufacturer, distributor, or retailer for the actual cost of the article or sample taken for analysis unless the article or sample is found to be in violation of the act or a regulation of the bureau.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19200.5 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 19200.5. (a) The chief or any inspector may open any articles
2 of upholstered furniture or bedding, including pillows or cushions
3 belonging to or forming a part thereof, or insulation for the purpose
4 of inspecting concealed filling material and may take either the
5 entire article; or samples of filling material or insulation in such
6 quantities as may be necessary for analysis.
7 (b) *The bureau shall reimburse the manufacturer, distributor,*
8 *or retailer for the actual cost of any article or sample of filling*
9 *material or insulation taken for analysis under subdivision (a)*
10 *unless the article or sample is found to be in violation of this*
11 *chapter or any regulation adopted by the bureau.*